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In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

Confirmation No.: 5408

JOERI LOF, et al.

Group Art Unit: 2878

Appln. No.: 10/705,816

Examiner: Brian J. Livedalen

Filed: November 12, 2003

Title: LITHOGRAPHIC APPARATUS AND DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD

January 12, 2007

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Applicant gratefully acknowledges receipt of the Notice of Allowability, Notice of Allowance, and Issue Fee Due dated December 6, 2006.

However, Applicant has not yet received acknowledgement of the PTO-1449 form filed on December 15, 2006 (copy attached), which was received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office as shown by the stamped receipt of December 15, 2006 (copy attached). Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner acknowledge consideration of the references on the PTO-1449 form by signing, dating, and returning (to the undersigned) the enclosed copy of the PTO-1449 form dated December 15, 2006.

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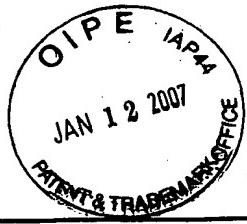
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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

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Fee Description

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Multiple dependent claims

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO-1449. One copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner return an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 to Applicant with the next Office communication to indicate that the references have been considered, per MPEP § 609.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the U.S. filing date and after the mailing date of a Final Rejection or Notice of Allowance, but before payment of the Issue Fee. Please charge Deposit Account 033975 in the amount of \$180.00 in payment of the fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i)(p). Please credit or debit Deposit Account 033975 as needed to ensure consideration of the disclosed information.

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The references were cited in a counterpart foreign application. An English language version of the Japanese Office Action is attached for the Examiner's information.

An English-language Abstract of JP 10-214783 is attached hereto.

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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LR	10-214783	08/1998	Japan	NISHI		X	
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OTHER (Including in this order Author, Title, Periodical Name, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

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